



Sample Mentoring Month Proclamation

January 2004



Sample Proclamation!

Use this sample proclamation to make a statement in your community. You can customize it for your local City Council, Board of Supervisors, or any other agency or legislative representative. Good Luck!!!

WHEREAS, the future of [Community Name Here] rests on the hopes and dreams of its children and youth; and

WHEREAS, mentors offer valuable encouragement, motivation and hope for our youth by providing a consistent role model,

WHEREAS, too many youth will face struggles with alcohol and other drugs, gangs, teen pregnancy and educational failure; and

WHEREAS, research has shown mentored youth are 52% less likely to skip a day of school, 46% less likely to start using drugs, and 27% less likely to start drinking,

WHEREAS, relationships with caring mentors offer youth valuable encouragement, motivation and support to guide them toward making positive choices; and

WHEREAS, mentoring after school programs, mentor coalitions, public and private organizations throughout California are committed to increasing the number of quality mentors statewide,

WHEREAS, partnerships between businesses, education and mentor programs are an effective way for businesses to support youth within the community,

WHEREAS, mentoring before, during and after school has become an effective strategy used by schools to increase student attendance and academic performance,

WHEREAS, collaborative mentor programs that are supported by the entire community (i.e., the local chamber, local law enforcement, service clubs, local media organizations, etc) are more visible and therefore more successful,

WHEREAS, hundreds of [Community Name Here] youth are waiting for mentors; and

WHEREAS, National Mentoring Month provides an opportunity to recognize and commend the efforts of these programs and raise community awareness of the importance of mentoring;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the [Community Name Here] [Local Organization Name Here] does hereby declare January 2004 as "National Mentoring Month," and encourages [Community Name Here] residents to honor the role models in their lives by becoming mentors to youth in their community.